

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-21 are all the pending claims. Claims 5, 7-9, and 11-21 are withdrawn by the Examiner. Claim 2 is herein cancelled.

The Examiner indicated that claims 2, 4, and 6 contained allowable subject matter. Applicant herein amends independent claim 1 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 2. Thus, Applicant submits that independent claim 1 and its dependent claims 3, 4, 6 and 10 are in condition for allowance. Moreover, Applicant submits that withdrawn dependent claims 5, 7-9, 11, and 12 are allowable too, since these claims depend directly or indirectly from allowable claim 1. Thus, claims 1 and 3-12 are respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Additionally, claims 13-21 have been withdrawn by the Examiner, but in view of the allowability of claims 1 and 3-12, Applicant asks the Examiner to rejoin these claims and to examine them in the present application.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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